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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:



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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US99/19418

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : Please See Extra Sheet.

US CL : 435/4, 6, 7.1, 7.2, 7.72, 7.9, 7.92, 7.93, 7.94, 7.95, 34.

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/4, 6, 7.1, 7.2, 7.72, 7.9, 7.92, 7.93, 7.94, 7.95, 34.

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 4,425,330 A (NORCROSS et al.) 10 January 1984, col. 5, line 60-col. 8, line 36 .	1-5, 7-21
Y	US 5,536,640 A (SIPE et al.) 16 July 1996, col. 6, line 65-col. 11, line 46.	1-5, 7-21
A	US 4,377,569 A (PLYMATE) 22 March 1983, col. 1, line 52-col. 4, line 5.	1-5, 7-21
A	US 5,700,465 A (TAO et al.) 23 December 1997, col. 1, line 45-col. 5, line 42.	1-5, 7-21
A	US 5,585,098 A (COLEMAN) 17 December 1996, col. 4, line 65-col. 7, line 44.	1-5, 7-21

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Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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See patent family annex.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 6
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

Claim 6 recites SEQ ID NO's and the CRF for the application is defective.

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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